

# Celebration of Life for John Carl Porter

John Carl Porter died peacefully on December 8, 2021, after a long illness. He was 90 years old. John's son Cris, two brothers Robert and James, and two half-sisters Sydna Littlefield and Margaret Pence predeceased him. The love of his life, Janis survives, as does his daughter Cindy, granddaughter Hannah and Janis' two children Adelheid and Christof.

John was born and raised in Ogden, Utah and graduated from Ogden High School in 1949 where he made lifelong friends who have been very important to him throughout his life. It was at Ogden High where he developed an interest in debate and public speaking.

In September 1949 John enrolled in Weber College in Ogden where he became president of his fraternity. When the Korean War broke out John enlisted in the Navy. He flew in patrols in the North Atlantic looking for Russian submarines. He graduated from Arctic Survival School in Labrador, where temperatures were often 40 degrees below zero.

On discharge from the Navy John received a William Dawson Thompson scholarship to study at the University of California at Berkeley where he majored in Economics and graduated cum laude in June of 1957. John went on to attend law school at UC Berkeley on a Walter Dinklespiel scholarship and graduated in 1960.

John was employed as a Deputy Attorney General at the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California where he worked for 40 years.

He argued cases in the U.S. Supreme Court and the California Supreme Court.

John married Janis on February 17, 1985 and lived happily in the Bay Area until 2001 when they moved to beautiful Mendocino. John lost no time involving himself in his new community. He joined the Mendocino Rotary Club where he became the all-time champion fund raiser for community services. John worked hard on the creation of Rotary Park and belonged to two book clubs. He helped found a men's history book club, participated in other discussion groups, and volunteered at the Mendocino Community Library.

John served as an elder at the Mendocino Presbyterian Church and served on the Pastor Nominating Committee. He and his wife, Janis, supported many other local non-profit organizations including the Mendocino Art Center, The Mendocino Theater Co., the Mendocino Music Festival, etc., and were honored as Grand Marshalls at the Fourth of July Parade in 2016 in recognition of their service to the community.

John maintained a lifelong interest in history, politics, and government. He was an avid reader, curious about many things, and loved lively discussions up until his death. He also loved to eat, even speaking fondly of Navy food. John and Janis were blessed to have a long and happy marriage. They were able to travel extensively and shared many interests.

## *Mendocino Presbyterian Church*

**Celebrating the Life of**

**John Carl Porter**



June 13, 1931~ December 8, 2021

## TRIBUTE

I wish I could be there  
When you all toast  
My dad John C. Porter  
The man I love most

My fondest memory  
When I was quite small  
I'd ride on his shoulders  
For I longed to be tall

He taught me to waltz  
Let me stand on his shoes  
He'd read Ogden Nash  
So we'd both be amused

His love of story,  
You're aware of, no doubt  
Rev. Palmer & Keillor  
We wore those tapes out!

He'd call "Cindy Babe!"  
In a big booming voice  
The pure JOY in his heart  
When he called something "choice"

The rugged raw splendor  
Of the Pacific Coast  
Are the things I'll recall the most  
When I'm missing him most

With Love, Honor & Gratitude,

*Cindy Porter*  
*December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

## *A Service of Witness to the Resurrection*

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 1pm**

**John Carl Porter**

PRELUDE Marie-Claire Dizin

WELCOME and PRAYER Rev. Matthew E. Davis

INTROIT "How Great thou Art" Elizabeth Vrenios

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:28

SHARING OF MEMORIES Jerry Karabensh and Toby Wade

HYMN 438 "On Eagle's Wings" vs. 1 SOLOIST, vs 2 & 3 ALL

SHARING OF MEMORIES Pete Holland

SCRIPTURE First Corinthians 12: 1-11

SHARING OF MEMORIES Christof Certik

SCRIPTURE John 24: 1-8

SERMON "Sending You an Article"

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 614 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

COMMENDATION AND BLESSING

HYMN 422 *Amazing Grace* vs. 1 SOLOIST, 2-5 ALL

POSTLUDE Marie-Claire Dizin